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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF RICHMOND-WILSON TELECON OCT 30
ON STATUS OF AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER.

2. IT APPEARS SHEEHAN WILL BE WITHDRAWING HIS CANDIDACY
AND WILL NOT BE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AS CENTER DIREC-
TOR. INDIANA APPEARS TO BE COMING TO CONCLUSION THAT IT
MAY NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED AND CONTIN-
UED FACULTY SUPPORT FOR THE WARSAW CENTER. AT OUR SUGGES-
TION, WILSON WILL SEEK TO INTEREST THE MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES
CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (MWUCIA) IN JOINING
WITH INDIANA TO PROVIDE FACULTY FOR THE CENTER. MWUCIA
INCLUDES ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN STATE, MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN AND
INDIANA UNIVERSITIES, MOST OF WHOM ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE
HIGH INTEREST IN THE WARSAW CENTER BECAUSE OF POLISH ETHNIC
GROUPS IN THEIR STATES. ILLINOIS, WHICH EACH YEAR SENDS A

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US LECTURER IN HISTORY TO WARSAW, MAY ALSO WISH TO BRING
ITS LECTURER INTO THE CENTER. MWUCIA WILL NEXT MEET ON NOV

21 AT WHICH TIME THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE FLOATED.

3. MWUCIA AGREEMENT TO JOIN WITH INDIANA IN SUPPORT OF CENTER SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO WARSAW UNIVERSITY SINCE IT WOULD CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHEN THE US ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER BY ADDING TO INDIANA FOUR DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITIES.

4. WILSON SAID INDIANA'S OFFER OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP TO WARSAW (REFTEL) STILL STANDS. TIMOTHY WILES STILL IN PIPE-LINE FOR JANUARY VISIT TO WARSAW AND SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT AS CENTER'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR. BIO DATA ON WILES WILL BE POUCHED WHEN RECEIVED FROM INDIANA. INGERSOLL

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